



FAO Career Panel

POLITICAL-MILITARY OFFICER

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Duty Description

JS, J5 POL-MIL OFFICER: Provide advice and expertise on Pol-Mil issues concerning xxx region of the world. Analyze Pol-Mil issues and develop policies and strategies for multilateral and bilateral relationships, with an eye toward the military interests and equities involved. Interface with the interagency (CIA, State, OSD, NSC), services, and Combatant Commands to develop policies and recommendations for policies and/or strategies for xxx region. Advise senior leaders on the implications of policy decisions on regional security issues.





Where Do I Work?

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (OSD)

- Regional/Country Desk Officer
- Staff Officer

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

- DOD Interface/Liaison Officer

DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (DIA)

- Desk Officer
- Analyst
- Advisor

ARMY STAFF

- G3 Proponent
- G3 Plans/Policy
- G3 Desk Officer
- G2 Staff Officer

CBT COMMANDER

- JIC Analyst
- J5 Staff Officer
- Advisor
- SA Officer

JOINT STAFF

- J5 Country Officer
- Staff Officer





What Do I Do?

- **Staff Officer**
- **Analyst for Country or Region**
- **Policy Maker**
- **Advisor to Senior Leaders**
- **Coordinator of actions within Services/Joint Staff and others**
- **Write /briefs, Talking Points**
- **Travel to Region**
- **Resident expert on region**
- **Liaison with SAO/DAO downrange or with counterparts on higher & lower staffs**





A Day In the Life of a Political Military Officer

- **Read Message traffic (DoS, Embassies, NSC, CIA, Attaches, COCOMS)**
- **Coord w/OSD, Services, JS, Agencies, DoS, SAO, DAO**
- **Prep GOs for Interagency Meetings**
- **Write Papers / Talking Points**
- **Travel to Region / Delegations**
- **Participate in Conferences**
- **Escort Foreign Military Dignitaries**





Personal Observations

- **In-Country / Regional Perspective**
- **Get to know your counterparts at all levels**
- **Cultural / Historical Knowledge**
- **Great preparation for FAO “Field Work”**





Summary

- **Large selection of duty positions**
- **High level impact**
- **“Big Picture” type of work**
- **Great preparation for “field work”**
- **A must for a successful FAO**

